REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to improve the form of the claims as originally-filed and to add new claims.
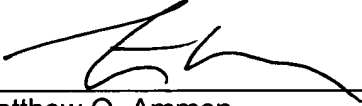
It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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Recitation of all pending claims is provided for reference convenience.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the following claims:

1.   (ORIGINAL) An information processing apparatus comprising:

a storage unit; and

a processing part which registers information of the information processing apparatus by transmitting to a first database of a registration center when a password input error is detected, and stores transmission log information related to a transmission to the registration center into said storage unit.

2.   (ORIGINAL) The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said processing part includes means for transmitting to a second database of the registration center if the transmission log information is stored in said storage unit, and for making a system lock with respect to the information processing apparatus if the information related to the information processing apparatus is registered in the first database or the second database.

3.   (ORIGINAL) The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein said processing part includes means for outputting a warning if the information related to the information processing apparatus is registered in the second database.

4.   (ORIGINAL) An information processing apparatus comprising:

a processing part which searches a first database of a registration center and registers information related to a predetermined apparatus into a second database of the registration center if the information related to the predetermined apparatus is registered in the first database.

5.   (ORIGINAL) The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein said processing part includes means for deleting the information related to the predetermined apparatus registered in the first database and/or the second database.

6. (ORIGINAL) An information processing apparatus comprising:

a first database which registers information related to a first apparatus when notified of a password input error at the first apparatus, in response to a transmission from the first apparatus;

a second database which registers the information of the first apparatus when the information related to the first apparatus is notified from a second apparatus and the information related to the first apparatus is registered in said first database, in response to a transmission from the second apparatus; and

a processing part which controls registration of information to and deletion of information from said first database and said second database.

7. (ORIGINAL) The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein said processing part includes means for deleting the information related to the first apparatus from said first database and/or said second database when a request to delete the information related to the first apparatus is received with respect to said first database and/or said second database, in response to the transmission from the second apparatus.

8. (ONCE AMENDED) An information processing apparatus control method comprising:

[a step which registers] registering information of an information processing apparatus by transmitting to a first database of a registration center when a password input error is detected at the information processing apparatus[,] ; and

[stores] storing transmission log information related to a transmission to the registration center within the information processing apparatus.

9. (ONCE AMENDED) The information processing apparatus control method as claimed in claim 8, further comprising:

[a step which transmits] transmitting to a second database of the registration center if the transmission log information is stored in the information processing apparatus[,] ; and

[makes] making a system lock with respect to the information processing apparatus if the information related to the information processing apparatus is registered in the first database or the second database.

10. (ONCE AMENDED) The information processing apparatus control method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising:

[a step which outputs] outputting a warning if the information related to the information processing apparatus is registered in the second database.

11. (ONCE AMENDED) An information processing apparatus control method comprising:

[a step which searches] searching a first database of a registration center; and

[registers] registering information related to a predetermined apparatus into a second database of the registration center if the information related to the predetermined apparatus is registered in the first database.

12. (ONCE AMENDED) The information processing apparatus control method as claimed in claim 11, further comprising:

[a step which deletes] deleting the information related to the predetermined apparatus registered in the first database and/or the second database.

13. (ONCE AMENDED) An information processing apparatus control method comprising:

[a step which registers] registering information related to a first apparatus in a first database when notified of a password input error at the first apparatus, in response to a transmission from the first apparatus;

[a step which registers] registering the information of the first apparatus in a second database when the information related to the first apparatus is notified from a second apparatus and the information related to the first apparatus is registered in said first database, in response to a transmission from the second apparatus; and

[a step which controls] controlling registration of information to and deletion of information from said first database and said second database.

14. (ONCE AMENDED) The information processing apparatus control method as claimed in claim 13, further comprising:

[a step which deletes] deleting the information related to the first apparatus from said first database and/or said second database when a request to delete the information related to the first apparatus is received with respect to said first database and/or said second database, in response to the transmission from the second apparatus.

15.   (ONCE AMENDED) The information processing apparatus control method as claimed in claim 8, which is applied to a control program or an operating system of the information processing apparatus.

16.   (ONCE AMENDED) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer to control access to a registration center[, comprising] by:

[means for] causing the computer to register information of the computer by transmitting to a first database of the registration center when a password input error is detected[,] ; and

[for] causing the computer to store transmission log information related to a transmission to the registration center.

17.   (ONCE AMENDED) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 16, wherein the program further causes the computer to control access to the registration center by [comprising]:

[means for] causing the computer to transmit to a second database of the registration center if the transmission log information is stored in said storage unit[,] ; and

[for] causing the computer to make a system lock with respect to the computer if the information related to the computer is registered in the first database or the second database.

18.   (ONCE AMENDED) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 17, wherein the program further causes the computer to control access to the registration center by [comprising]:

[means for] causing the computer to output a warning if the information related to the computer is registered in the second database.

19.   (ONCE AMENDED) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer to control access to a registration center[, comprising] by:

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[means for] causing the computer to search a first database of a registration center and register information related to a predetermined apparatus into a second database of the registration center if the information related to the predetermined apparatus is registered in the first database.

20.   (ONCE AMENDED) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 19, wherein the program further causes the computer to control access to the registration center by [comprising]:

[means for] causing the computer to delete the information related to the predetermined apparatus registered in the first database and/or the second database.

21.   (ORIGINAL) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer to control access to a registration center, comprising:

means for causing the computer to register information related to a first apparatus in a first database when notified of a password input error at the first apparatus, in response to a transmission from the first apparatus;

means for causing the computer to register the information of the first apparatus in a second database when the information related to the first apparatus is notified from a second apparatus and the information related to the first apparatus is registered in said first database, in response to a transmission from the second apparatus; and

means for causing the computer to control registration of information to and deletion of information from said first database and said second database.

22.   (ORIGINAL) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 21, further comprising:

means for causing the computer to delete the information related to the first apparatus from said first database and/or said second database when a request to delete the information related to the first apparatus is received with respect to said first database and/or said second database, in response to the transmission from the second apparatus.

23.   (ONCE AMENDED) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 16, wherein said program forms a portion of a control program or an operating system of the information processing apparatus.

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Please ADD the following claims:

24.   (NEW) An information processing apparatus comprising:

a storage unit; and

a processing part which registers information of the information processing apparatus by transmitting to a first database of a registration center when an authentication is unsuccessful during a user authentication process, and stores transmission log information related to a transmission to the registration center into said storage unit.

25.   (NEW) An information processing apparatus control method comprising:

registering information of an information processing apparatus by transmitting to a first database of a registration center when an authentication is unsuccessful during a user authentication process carried out at the information processing apparatus; and

storing transmission log information related to a transmission to the registration center within the information processing apparatus, so as to restrict access from said information processing apparatus to said registration center.

26.   (NEW) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer to control access to a registration center by:

causing the computer to register information of the computer by transmitting to a first database of the registration center when an authentication is unsuccessful during a user authentication process, and for causing the computer to store transmission log information related to a transmission to the registration center.

27.   (NEW) An information processing apparatus comprising:

a first database which registers information related to a first apparatus when notified of an unsuccessful authentication result of a user authentication process at the first apparatus, in response to a transmission from the first apparatus;

a second database which registers the information of the first apparatus when the information related to the first apparatus is notified from a second apparatus and the information related to the first apparatus is registered in said first database, in response to a transmission from the second apparatus; and

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a processing part which controls registration of information to and deletion of information from said first database and said second database, so as to restrict access from said first apparatus to said registration center.

28.   (NEW) An information processing apparatus control method comprising:

registering information related to a first apparatus in a first database when notified of an unsuccessful authentication result of a user authentication process at the first apparatus, in response to a transmission from the first apparatus;

registering the information of the first apparatus in a second database when the information related to the first apparatus is notified from a second apparatus and the information related to the first apparatus is registered in said first database, in response to a transmission from the second apparatus; and

controlling registration of information to and deletion of information from said first database and said second database.

29   (NEW) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer to control access to a registration center, comprising:

means for causing the computer to register information related to a first apparatus in a first database when notified of an unsuccessful authentication result of a user authentication process at the first apparatus, in response to a transmission from the first apparatus;

means for causing the computer to register the information of the first apparatus in a second database when the information related to the first apparatus is notified from a second apparatus and the information related to the first apparatus is registered in said first database, in response to a transmission from the second apparatus; and

means for causing the computer to control registration of information to and deletion of information from said first database and said second database.